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2. REF HK150135, HK150149, EI AL: CONCUR IN CHANGING SOURCELINE TO +DAVAO CITY PEOPLE'S DAILY FORUM IN ENGLISH+
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MINDANAO GROUP ALIGNS WITH OPPOSITION GROUPS

HK150158

DIGOS THE DIGOS TIMES IN ENGLISH 21 NOV 82 PP 1, 2 ((TENTATIVE))

((TEXT)) THE MINDANAO ALLIANCE ((MA)), THE MAJOR OPPOSITION

OFFICER ALEX ORCULLO TODAY.

ORCULLO SAID THAT THE MA IS EXPANDING ITS POLITICAL SPHERE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY UNDER THE BANNER OF "MAKABAYANG YANSA" OR NATIONAL ALLIANCE.

THIS IS AIMED TO PROMOTE PRACTICAL AND STRATEGIC ALLIANCE WITH OTHER OPPOSITION PARTIES UNDER THE UNIDO ((UNITED DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION)) IN THE LUZON AREA AND THE PUSYEN IN VISAYAS.

THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE MINDANAO ALLIANCE OR MAKABAYANG ALYANSA IS CAGAYAN DE ORO'S HONOBONG ADAZA WITH FORMER DAVAO CITY CONCON DELEGATE DOMINADOR CARILLO AS NATIONAL VICE CHAIRMAN.

THE MINDANAO ALLIANCE BROKE UP LAST YEAR WHEN ITS LEADERS REUBEN CANOY AND AQUILINO PIMENTEL MAYOR OF CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY JOINED THE FILIPINO DEMOCRATIC PARTY OR PDP. LOCAL PDP STALWARTS ARE LAWYERS ZAFIRO NESPICIO AND SAMUEL OCCENA.

ORCULLO SAID THAT THE MA HAS ALREADY ORGANIZED THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCILS THROUGHOUT MINDANAO AND HAS APPOINTED CHAIRMEN IN ALL CITIES AND PROVINCES IN PREPARATION TO THE ELECTION OF ASSEMBLYMEN IN 1984. THE PARTY IS ALSO JOINED BY LABOR GROUPS, AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL, AS WELL AS, RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS IN MUNICIPAL AND BARANGAY LEVELS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT BY PRACTICAL ALLIANCE WITH OTHER OPPOSITION GROUPS THE MA CAN TAKE UP COMMON ISSUES SUCH AS PUTTING UP A UNITED FRONT OR POLITICAL PLATFORM WHILE STRATEGIC ALLIANCE MEANS LEAVING TO A PARTICULAR PARTY THE DECISION ON WHAT COURSE TO FOLLOW ON CERTAIN LOCAL ISSUES.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION: PHILIPPINE PRESS CHANGE

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BEGINNING 23 NOVEMBER 1982, THE DAVAO CITY PEOPLE'S FORUM,
PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED THREE TIMES A WEEK, HAS CHANGED ITS NAME TO
THE PEOPLE'S DAILY FORUM, PUBLISHED FIVE DAYS A WEEK (NOT MONDAY
OR WEDNESDAY). THE PAPER'S FORMAT IS UNCHANGED.

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MINDANAO PAPER LINES 'TONE DOWN' ON POLITICS

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DAVAO CITY PEOPLE'S DAILY FORUM IN ENGLISH 27 NOV 82 P 2
(TENTATIVE)

In July, we approved
Davao City People's Forum
in English - a thrice
weekly.

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((TEXT)) DISTURBING REPORTS FROM SEVERAL PROVINCES AND CITIES IN MINDANAO LATELY TEND TO SHOW THAT IN MANY MAJOR PROJECTS BY LOCAL OFFICIALS AND EVEN BY THOSE IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, POLITICS ALWAYS ASSERTS ITSELF AS A FACTOR THAT CAN DETERMINE THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF A GIVEN PROJECT. COMPLAINTS ARE BEING AILED BY MANY SECTORS ON AN ALMOST ROUTINE PRACTICE BY POLITICIANS OF OPENLY TELLING THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENTS THAT NO PROJECT OR PROGRAM, NO MATTER HOW BIG OR HOW TRIVIAL, CAN GO OFF THE GROUND WITHOUT THEIR "BLESSINGS" OR THE SUPPORT OF THEIR POLITICAL PARTY.

THE PRACTICE IS HIGHLY DISQUESTING, ESPECIALLY IF ONE THINKS THAT THERE IS ACTUALLY NO NEED FOR POLITICS TO CREEP INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM OR OF A PROJECT. IN MANY INSTANCES, SOME PROJECTS ARE KNOWN TO FAVOR THE PUBLIC WEAL, BUT THEY SUFFER DIFFICULTIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION STAGE BECAUSE SOMEONE, USUALLY THE PROJECT PROPONENT, HAD NOT ASKED THE "GO-SIGNAL" OR THE SUPPORT OF POLITICIANS WHO, IT APPEARS, HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE CREDITED FOR MANY THINGS, INCLUDING THOSE FOR WHICH THEY HAD DONE NOTHING.

AT A TIME WHEN POLITICS AND POLITICIANS ARE AGAIN SHOWING THEIR UGLY FACES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LAUDABLE PROJECTS, IT WOULD DO WELL FOR ALL CONCERNED TO TAKE A UNITED AND STRONG STAND AGAINST SUCH FORCES. POLITICS CAN BE GOOD - DESIRABLE, AS MATTER OF FACT - IF IT IS USED LEGITIMATELY AND PROFESSIONALLY FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD, BUT IT IS THE LAST THING WHICH ONE SHOULD HAVE IF IT BECOMES A HINDRANCE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO THE PROGRESS OF THE CITIZENRY AND TO THE GROWTH OF THE COUNTRY.

IF IS TIME TO TONE DOWN ON POLITICS, IF ONLY TO PROVE THAT IN THE PHILIPPINES, POLITICIANS ARE A NECESSARY FACTOR TO THE GOVERNMENT WHERE PUBLIC WELFARE IS CONCERNED. OTHERWISE, THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER NEED FOR POLITICS - AND POLITICIANS - TO PAY

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MINDANAO COLUMNIST LOOKS AT RURAL PROBLEMS

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DAVAO CITY PEOPLE'S DAILY FORUM IN ENGLISH 27 NOV 82 P 3

(TENTATIVE)

*In July, we approved
Davao City People's Forum
in English - a historic
event.*

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on change*

((TEXT)) NEWS REPORTS OF INCREASED NPA ((NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY)) ACTIVITIES IN NORTH COTABATO ARE A BIT EXAGGERATED, SO WE WERE TOLD. RELIABLE SOURCES GATHERED FROM THE FIELD INDICATE THAT THE VIOLENT INCIDENTS LATELY ARE ISOLATED CASES. MOST OF THE MUNICIPALITIES ARE PEACEFUL AND PROGRESSIVE. THE FARMERS ARE PROSPEROUS WITH THEIR BOUNTIFUL HARVESTS. PROSPERITY IS VERY MUCH EVIDENT AT THE RATE TV ANTENNAES SPROUT ATOP THE ROOFS OF EVEN THE SMALLEST NIPA HUTS. PUBLIC MARKETS ARE ALIVE AND TEEMING WITH BARRIO FOLKS WHO SELL THEIR PRODUCE. IT CAN BE SAFELY SAID THAT NORTH COTABATO IS THE MOST PROGRESSIVE AND PEACEFUL PROVINCE IN THE REGION.

BUT THERE IS URGENT NEED FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO REACH THE FAR-FLUNG BARRIOS. IT IS HERE WHERE THE SUBVERSIVES ARE MOST EFFECTIVE AND CAN EASILY THRIVE. TAKE FOR EXAMPLE THE MATTER OF RECOVERING A RUSTLED WORKING ANIMAL OR THE REPAIR OF BARANGGAY ROADS AND BRIDGES. IF GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES CANNOT RESPOND OR ACT SWIFTLY ON THESE PROBLEMS THE NPA COMES IN TO EXTEND ITS ASSISTANCE. BARRIO FOLKS READILY ACCEPT SUCH KIND OF JUSTICE AND SERVICE. LATER, THEY BECOME EASY PREYS TO NPA IDEOLOGY AND PROPAGANDA.

A FRIEND OF OURS JESTINGLY MADE THIS REMARK: 'THERE ARE INSTANT 'MANUFACTURERS' AND 'PRODUCERS' OF NPA'S AND MNLF'S.' HE POINTS TO MILITARY ABUSES, CORRUPT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND DO-NOTHING ELECTED OFFICIALS AS SOME EXAMPLES. ANOTHER BIG FACTOR, HE SAYS, IS THE DOUBLE STANDARD OF JUSTICE. A MERE LOWLY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE WHO ABSCONDS WITH FEW HUNDREDS OF PESOS IS CHARGED AND PUNISHED, WHILE THE POWERFUL AND INFLUENTIAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO ENRICH THEMSELVES IN OFFICE WITH MILLIONS OF THE PEOPLE'S MONEY AND GO SCOT FREE.

THESE ARE FOOD FOR THOUGHT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE A DIRECT HAND

BRASTIC CHANGES TOWARD RURAL IMPROVEMENT ARE INSTITUTED, THERE WILL
ALWAYS BE GENERAL DISCONTENT. GOVERNMENT SERVICES, WHETHER
NATIONAL, PROVINCIAL OR MUNICIPAL, MUST BE FELT IN THE BARRIOS,
WITH ALL THE AVAILABLE RESOURCES OF THE GOVERNMENT, THERE IS NO
REASON WHY THE BARRIOS OR BARANGGAYS SHOULD BE LEFT OUT. TIME AND
AGAIN, PRESIDENT MANCOS HAS STRESSED THE NEED TO REACH OUT TO THE
BARANGGAYS BUT IT SEEMS THE IMPLEMENTORS OF THIS NATIONAL POLICY
DO NOT PAY HEED TO HIS CALL. NEEDLESS TO SAY, AN EFFECTIVE MONITO-
RING SYSTEM IS IMPERATIVE TO CHECK OUT RURAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS.
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